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Applicant: MCCARTHY et al. Conf.: 3757  
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For: A METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF  
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES INVOLVING  
GENERATION OF EXTENDIBLE UPSTREAM DNA  
FRAGMENTS RESULTING FROM THE CLEAVAGE OF  
NUCLEIC ACID AT AN ABASIC SITE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued on August 24, 2004, the due date having been extended for three (3) months to February 24, 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The present response contains amendments to the claims and remarks.

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